

Acts 2:42 Small Group Study Guide

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Week of 08/24/14 – Living Intentionally In the Church

Food and Fellowship:

Take time to enjoy some food and fellowship together.

Prayer:

Take a few minutes to share prayer requests individually. As each person shares, give opportunity for someone in the group to commit to pray for the requests that were just shared. After all of the prayer requests have been shared, take a few minutes to pray over the requests. One person should begin praying with a person designated to close after everyone who desires to pray out loud has prayed.

Reflect:

Take a few minutes to reflect on the Sermon from the most recent Sunday.

- What sticks out in your mind?
- What principle/principles did you glean?
- Have you had any opportunity to apply personally anything from the sermon? Please share.

Looking In:

Acts 2:41-47

⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. ⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Discussion Questions:

1. Discuss briefly your history. Where are you from? Where is your family from? How does knowing who you are and where you are from impact you today?
2. How does knowing our spiritual ancestry as the church impact how we “do” church today?
3. Name some specific characteristics (fingerprints) of Christ centered community. Which aspect is the hardest to engage in?

Hint: Read Acts 2:42

4. What are some practical ways that we can meet each other's needs? (Acts 2:44-46)
5. It seems like there is a link between generosity and gladness. Have you ever experienced this principle in your own life? Share some personal examples.
Read aloud 1 Timothy 6:17-19
How can we be more generous with what we have been entrusted with?
6. What are some things that can create a sense of togetherness? What can cause disunity?
7. What, in your opinion, could make Firewheel more approachable to people outside of our community? What would make you want to get more connected?

Close:

Take a moment to close with prayer (please pray for Firewheel and the other Life Groups that are meeting this week).